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(N 50-02, E 15012). It is stated that the port is of some importance as a transshipment point for coal. Annual traffic in the port of Kolin averages from 150,000 to 200,000 tons. The report includes a sketch of the harbor showing the location of the port facilities.

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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Harbor of Kolín on the Labe River

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LOCATION

The port of Kolín on the Labe (Elbe) River is about 300 meters ~~below~~ ^{downstream} from the highway bridge which connects the two parts of Kolín. These parts lie on the right and left banks of the river.

The wharf is on the left (southern) bank of the Labe. It is about 200 meters long and extends from the ~~bank~~ ^{breakwater} almost as far as the bridge.

Below the breakwater the river divides to form an island.

DESCRIPTION

The wall of the wharf has a very pronounced slope. It is possible for two barges of the type and tonnage usually encountered on the Labe to moor there.

Along the wharf there is a system of ~~railroad~~ tracks upon which ~~there~~ ^{moves} is a mobile crane. This crane has a carrying capacity of 5 tons. It is ~~operated~~ ^{powered} by an electric motor. Behind the crane there are two tracks, which are connected with the Kolín freight yard.

The depth of the water beside the wharf is ~~about~~ 4 meters. This depth is kept constant by ~~the~~ locks and by the breakwater.

Various typical harbor installations such as factories, warehouses and auxiliary installations, etc. are not found in this port.

This harbor is not very important.

Actually, the port is of some importance as a ~~transloading~~ ^{shipment} point for coal. It should be noted that the industries of the town of Kolín are fueled by lignite from northern Bohemia. This lignite is floated down by ~~river~~ ^{waterway}.

The limited importance of the harbor is due to the fact that the dams along the upper course of the Labe, from Melník down, were built only for small craft.

A further difficulty is the shortage of water during the summer, and

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freezing in winter.

Possibilities of navigation for cargo vessels will be substantially improved as the result of canalization projects in the upper course of the Labe.

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LEGEND FOR ATTACHED SKETCH OF KOLIN HARBOR

1. Harbor wharf
2. Crane tracks
3. Electric crane
4. Secondary track for transloading of cargo
5. Main railroad line
6. Breakwater
7. Locks
8. Living quarters for lock guards
9. Highway bridge over the Labe River.

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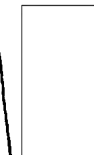
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